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BOOK REVIEWS.

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Speeches and Orations of John Warwick Daniel, Compiled by His Son, Edward M. Daniel. Lynchburg. J. P. Bell & Company, Inc., Printers. 1911. Price \$3.50 in cloth.

No one who knew John Daniel—as his people loved to call him—can take up this volume without a sense of regret, realizing that his magnificent personality, superb presence and musical voice are no more of this earth. Adding these to the addresses and orations contained in the handsome volume, there has been nothing like them in our generation. And even deprived of all of these personal characteristics few books have been published in many a decade which contain greater thoughts, preserved in more eloquent and forceful language. History, political science, literature, patriotism—all these are to be found in these masterful addresses of a master orator. Did one wish to read panygeric coupled with exact truth, clothed in superb rhetoric untarnished by exaggeration, he can find it in the orations upon Lee and Washington and Davis and Jackson. Did he wish pathos mingled with fervid patriotism, touched now and then with a bit of humor to relieve what otherwise might have been too severe a tension, let him read the oration at New Orleans in 1892 at the Annual Reunion of the Confederate Veterans. If a manly tribute of personal affection to a great and misjudged leader, coupled with historical facts and clear, eloquent, convincing proofs of merit are desired, read the oration on Jubal A. Early. If a wonderfully clear enunciation, demonstration and support of a great political doctrine is wished, it can be found in the speech upon the Monroe Doctrine.

But to select any of the twenty-nine addresses contained in the book as a masterpiece would do injustice to the others. Nowhere do we know of a more admirable selection of more admirable matter. To the older members of his profession we can commend this work as one combining entertainment with instruction; to the younger as a model of style, a mine of information, and worthy to be read and re-read by all who desire to cultivate strength of argument and beauty of language. To the reading public at large it furnished a source of intellectual gratification and should be in the library of every person who desires one of the world's "best books."

American and English Annotated Cases, containing the important Cases selected from the current American, Canadian and English Reports, thoroughly annotated. Editors William McKinney